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IFN-BETA LIQUID FORMULATIONS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), of pending application Serial No. 08/737,633, filed on November 15, 1996, by Fabrizio Samaritani and Patrizia Natale entitled "IFN-BETA LIQUID FORMULATIONS".

It is recognized that the filing of this Request will be considered to be a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date granted to the Continued Prosecution Application.

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